



# The Counterfeit Ievv.

**I**T would fill to much Paper to describe all the Lyes, Forgeries, Hypocrisies, Sights of this miserable wretch, who Writ himselfe *Josephus Ben Israel, Hebr. Mausu*, which part so long as he Asted, he did it so handsomely, and with so much exquisite hypocrisie, relating the Customes, Ceremonies, Genealogies of the Jewes, that he easily got beyond those who are Novices to those Depths of Satan. He was of an acute wit, an excellent Linguist, (spoke most Languages, and Hebrew perfectly) a ready Schollar, a great Travellar, and came from *Mumbrough to Newcastle*, calling himselfe *Horseley*. Before his discovery, he could carry himselfe very smoothly, sute himselfe to any humour, company, discourse very accurately, by his redde subtile Wit and Tongue he could transforme himselfe easily into what shaper he pleased, and at any Part; he could command his Eyes, his Countenance, his Tongue; could speake Orthodoxly, Spiritually, Learnedly, Practically. Aske him why he called himselfe *Horseley*? Why; he was a Jew, and feared to be known, in regard so many of their Nation have suffered in *England*; and by their Talmud, in danger of Life, any thing is allowed, but Idolatry and Murthers. He was than in *Judaisme*, but now a Christian. But why came he over into *England*? Why; He heard of the Fame of the Christians of *England* above all others; He had seen Papists, Lutherans, Calvenists, they were all full of Ceremonies and Traditions; He had conversed with some Anabaptists in *Germany*, (and they told him of the *English* Christians) but they held Free-will, and such points; and he desired to worship God in the purest

rest way, without mixtures of mens inventions, therefore he came to the people of *Hoxham*, and there (like a childe of the Devill, full of all subtilty and guile, extraordinary endued with power and art from Hell, abusing all the Ordinances of God, and mocking him to his face) he made his Declaration and Confession of Christ in the publique Assembly before all the People, and afterwards went and was Baptized, so joyning himselfe to that People there, but did not receive the Lords Supper with them, somewhat in his Conscience startling at that; so to avoyd it, he feigned on purpose indisposition, discontents, as he confessed afterwards, all this while using in his private Devotion, his Popish Prayers to *Saint Benedikt*, *Crossings*, &c.

Upon the twentieth Day, the fourth Moneth, he came to *Newcastle*, (being thereunto formerly engaged) to cleare himselfe of some particulars, (whereof warning was given to some of the Magistrates) and the next day appeared with some friends boldly before the Magistrates, and some Ministers, ready to receive all charges, all which he put off with horrible impudent lying, till one came, who partly knew him, and had lately received a Letter from his Mother at *Leith*. This came close, and moved his Countenance; when he saw he was like to be unmasked, he was strangely smitten with feare, and amazement, ready now to confesse any thing, and confessed he was Master *Alexander Ramsay* his Sonne, a Scottish Gentleman, was a Papist, sent over by the Inquisition, (these bloody monsters of men whose Hellish methods in murdering poore Protestants is most execrable, fit to be abominated in all Common wealths. Turks and Heathens would blush at such cruelties) who employed him (as a notable Mercenized spirit, an Embassadour extraordinary of the Devill, *Doli in struam*, & *Uaria Pelu(g)a*) to promote Divisions; and ordered him to feine himselfe a Jew, with other instructions; and hearing that the Sect of *Anabaptists* were a very pravailling Sect, his first businesse was to be Baptized, and get the Testimoniall of a Church; and so (after he had blowne up them with Notions about Free will, &c. which he intended presently to broach) to make his way through to the Army, where he thought he could doe well enough. An Errant of Hell all along in its methods. In his

\*The Inquisition-house, one of the Devils highest Courts.

\*Odi erenim seu clausura erebi, &c.

his perplexed fits he would say, *Alas, I have a Head fit for any purpose; but what shall I do, I am afraid of the Army; but notwithstanding all this, my heart is not moved more than a Pom.* When he was told he had loving Parents, he professed, he cared not if he never saw their Faces. When asked, how he could so discernible, and be Baptized? He said, *He laughed in his Sleeve to see how he gull'd those men.* He said, *He durst never read the Gospel much, for fears of aniling by spirit; Devotion was onely for Blotcheheads, and dull Sonles.* Being asked, What gift in Prayer he had, whether he could Pray as the Puritans? he said, *If he had been put to that he had made mad works.* But what cannot Scholarship, Art, Hypocrisie counterfeite? At first he complained, he found no remorse of spirit for any thing he had done, but a feare of despaire; but being afterwards put in hope to live, he grew more composed, and said, *The consideration of the Blood of Christ did quiet his Conscience.* He seemes to have a Conscience full of all sorts of guilt; one drop of the blood of Christ will heale all, and make him repent. If not, some notorious spectacle of wrath he will prove at one time or other.

Many snares and ginns. Providence hath to catch such Vipers, such Incendiaries, though they may long escape. Desperate Hereticks, and seducers, that practice onely upon Churches, ought onely to be cut off by the Spirituall Sword of Excommunication, (if they be Members of Churches) and the Temporall Sword doth not at all reach them. True, such as are meerly devout Papists, ought not to be harmed or molested. But such as come to practice any wayes upon States, Armies, sent from any of the Seminaries or Colledges of Inquisition beyond the Seas, with instructions from them to poyson, pistoll, stiletto (and such as have any relation to the wicked, bloody Inquisition house, are fitted for such purposes, being used to and hardened in blood and cruelties) and have received the holy Oyle and Benediction of the Pope, and his absolution for the perpetrating of all horred murders, &c. *pro propaganda fide*; such Jesuits and Jesuited Romanists, (whose Principles are Murthers, Poysons, &c.) that come over, and renouncing their Religion, take up another for State-designes onely, and creepe in to get Testimonials, that they may

\* An unnatural Son is fittest for the Devils worst employment.

\* A State Jesuite must have no Genius, no fancy for Devotion.

become Spies in Armies, and worke Divisions, merit to suffer as Traytors, Rebels, Incendiaries of the State.

Omitting these many inferences, that are, and will be made by the Vulgar from this strange Discovery, as that, *Ergo*, all *Anabaptists* are Iesuits, will turne Papists, &c. (a new Doctrine to me) though this Counterfeit confessed, that onely the *Anabaptists* or *Swinfeldians*, (who hold Free-will indeed) were Burnt, Persecuted in *Germany* at this time; whilst *Lutherans*, *Calvenists* onely, had tolleration, *per Publicum bannum Imperatoris*. What worke is Baptisme, Church-fellow-ship, &c. for a *Judas*, a *Simon Magus*, a notorious Hypocrite abusing them? The Devill will make notable use of this, and possesse the World, that Sheepe are Wolves, and fit to be destroyed, because Wolves appeare in Sheeps cloathing, one of his old fetches to raise up Persecution, at least Tongue-Persecution, which hath already too farre prevailed upon this occasion: Brethren should not strive. Let us convert it to more holy uses, and see the wonderfull goodnesse of God, and his especiall care over his poore People in answering Prayers, and so soon discovering (as *Simon Magus* was) this milkerant, taking this Fox (that intended to have spoyled the Vine that hath tender Grapes: and one trick was, to have blowne up Churches with Notions above Ordinances, if not that, then to try what Free-will could doe, &c.) in his owne Net, not suffering him to goe any further. Churches as they have their Communion immediately from *Christ*; so their Protection also: his Banners of Love are over them, their Comforts, their Graces, their Priviledges, their Ordinances. All the *Judasses*, *Annaniasses*, *Simon Magusses*, *Alexanders*, *Hermogenesses*, *Hymeneuses*; all the poyson of Heretickes, Persecution of Magistrates, and Rulers, were never able to doe the least harme to the Churches of *Christ*. They multiplied, flourished in despite of all the malice of Hell. Never any designe the Devill had upon them, but they gained by it; and shortly *Christ* will tread *Satan* under the feet of his Churches; and the Devill, Anti-*Christ*, Hypocrites shall pay for all the wrongs they have done *Christ*, his Saints, his Ordinances. Thinke not somewhat is befallen, which hath no president in the Primitive Churches; thousands of glorious Hypocrites there are though

though its very rare to finde one so grosse, so desperately profane as this Counterfeit, so every way resembling the Devill. *Churches* must looke for fiery Tryalls, not onely from without, but from within; from Hypocrites, Seducers in their owne bosomes; but they shall lose nothing by all, even such occurrences as these; they shall serve onely to Polish them, provoke them to more holinesse, love, watchfulnesse, humility. Oh take heed of stumbling at the stumbling-stone; Blessed are those that are not offended at *Christ*, his Truths, his Ordinances in these dayes. We are like to see more of these things. *Christ* hath fore-told us. The Devill will sute himselfe into all shapes, appear in all formes to undermine *Christ*; he is the Master Hypocrite, the Master Polititian. *Quum pelis leonina non sufficit, vulpina est assumenda, Machi.* What need had we to beware of men (especiallly men of Parts, curious Wits, who can turne themselves into any likeness, easily disguising themselves; we are apt to be taken with Gifts and Parts) suspecting least we be deceived. *Churches* had need be very wary, circumspect in these times, when looked upon as a prevailing Party, a way to preferment, as Christianity was in *Constantines* Court. There had need be trying, searching to purpose, ransacking mens hearts, turning them over and over, before a cloze. *Nimia cautela non nocet.* Sudden actings in *Churches* are dangerous. He that suspects not, will be deceived; feare every man whom we doe not thoroughly know: without much warinesse in these dayes, *Churches* will be filled with Hypocrites; and the most glorious *Churches* will harbour the greatest deceivers. The World is full of Deceivers. The Devill is mightily busie, extraordinary bestirs himselfe in these last and perillous dayes. He will raise up spirits on purpose, who shall affront, disgrace, blaspHEME the good wayes of God; his Plots against the Saints, the *Churches*; all the Ordinances thereof are exceeding deep, fairely guilded over. He will soment jealousies, raise up slanders, back-bitings, censurings, judgings, reproachings one another, to divide, to weaken, to destroy. He can set Saints against Saints, *Churches* against *Churches*, put fire to *Churches* and Common-wealths. He hath variety of Instruments, Engines fit for every worke. The Devill and the Pope make use of no

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Fooler, they are not for their turne ; they chuse the most sublimated Wits, the choicest pieces of Art and Learning, men compounded of the nimblest spirits, full fraught with the policy, audacity of the Devill, that have drunke in the very quintessence of Hell ; who having lost all sense and feeling in their Consciencies, in Stew-houses, Inquisition-houses, are on purpose trained up to dare to doe any wickednesse, Poyson Stab, Murder, &c. things that the thoughts of would afright any spirit that is but commonly wicked, Cunning Artists, deceitfull Workers, who are *Ingeniosissime nequam*, Ingenious Inventers of mischiefes ; *Scelerum molitores egregii*, free to act all wickednesse, (for *Jesuitis Diabolorum qualibet audendi conceditur aqua potestatis*) yet can transforme themselves into an Angel of Light. Alas, how easily are poore Lambes and Doves oft deceived before they be aware, by such Foxes, fawning *Simons*. Honest, simple, well-meaning soules, (*ignari scelerum tantorum, artifices, Pelasga*) how easily are they circumvented ? Therefore *Christs* command is to be *Serpents* as well as *Doves*. Rare where both Grace meet, *Amaro & sapere*. What need had Saints to keep close to *Jesus Christ*, to Reade, Study the blessed Word of God much, to walke close in the order of the Gospel (as an Army with Banners) which would be as a Wall of Fire and Brasse against Deceivers. What little cause of boasting in Ordinances, Priviledges, when a Devill, a Witch may be under the most pretious Ordinances ? Church-membership may be without true Saintship ; men may get into *Churches*, that shall be excluded Heaven at the last, with the five Foolish Virgins, and carry Baptisme and all Ordinances to Hell with them, whose Flames of all others shall be the hottest there. Prize grace in every Saint, and love him for his grace meerly, not his Opinion, whatever it be. When *Judas* is abroad, when the Devill is playing all his pranks, trudging up and downe to deceive ; what need had Saints to VVatch and Pray, to watch one over another, exhort one another, continually examining their owne hearts, to finde out the sophistries, subtilties that are there ; there may be seen the greatest Divels, Jesuits, Impostures in the world acting their parts. The more we feare, suspect our selves, others the safer from being deceived. Look round about us, within, and with-



out us; and we shall see the hypocrite acting every where, in Courts, in Churches, in Glasse, in Pulpits, in Shops, no place free. Many State-hypocrites, Church-hypocrites, must yet be unmasked in England. Blessed are poore, humble sincere soules, such onely will be able to endure this day of the Lord, this day of burning that is upon England. Men of all sorts, of all Professions will be tryed. None more Devill like then an hypocrite: he hath his designs on all that he doth, but so closely, cunningly layd, (as *Flaw*, a Romish Emisary too layd his Powder-barrels under the Parliament House) that none can possibly discern him, till God himselfe discover him; he can varnish over the greatest wickednesse, with the greatest shewes of godlinesse; cast sand and dust in the eyes of all that come neer him, and blinde them. How many such are hugged, kissed, embraced in the armes of Saints (as once it may be *Phileas*, *Alexander*, *Phileas*; &c. was of holy *Paul*) who shall ere long be turned into the blackest Devils in Hell. Oh, who can fadome hearts, who knowes those mysteries of Iniquity, exceeding all those wickednesse that are done in the Cloysters of Monks, the Colledges of Jesuits, the Conclaves of Popes? A singular piece of their wickednesse was this counterfeit Jew, (a select Commissioner of Hell. *Instrumētū, pūatū, seu mensura dolos seu certe occumbere moris.*) sent from the Inquisition-house to try his fidelity (in order to Priesthood) by some notable attempt upon the State, Army, by Division, Intelligence, payson, any way (to which his acting at *Newham* was but the Introduction) to propagate the Catholique ends; being impowred by the Popes Indulgence, to doe any thing, swear any thing, counterfeit any thing, put off, put on any Religion, &c. Oh the blood of bodies, soules, that *Man of sinne*, is guilty of; (who rejoyceth so much to hear of any Martyr, as he calls him, though he be a wicked Rogue, a Blasphemous wretch, suffer for the Catholique cause) the Lord Jesus will judge him shortly. The strange discovery of this counterfeit, did exceedingly take the hearts of all there present, and made them fall down, and adore, and blisse God in this great Providence. Greatly would they have rejoyced to see any the least true compari-

On of spirit, such as flowes from fighes of *Christ*, and sense of pardon. Pray that all those Emissaries of Hell may be discovered every where: Prayer had a strange influence upon the discovery of this Counterfeit; it will yet find out more of those lying spirits of Devils, which come forth of the mouth of the Beast and the false Prophet, (drunke with the blood of Saints and Martyrs of Iesus) who notwithstanding all his glorious, splended Troope of Cardinalls and Iesuits (those *Cardines Diabolici*, those Engines of wickednesse dayly attending him) and their boasting of the Conquest of *Chinab*, (the *Atlas Romano Ecclesie*) shall be tumbled downe, and made to drinke of the Cup of the wrath of the Lord. Let the Pope use all his cunning to divide, distract, (as *Balaam* did) he shall not be able to escape the Sword of the Lord, which is now drawn, and set to his breast, and will assuredly enter into his bowels. Let him look from his high Pinacle of worldly glory, and scorne the Army of *England*; mock and laugh at the glorious providences of God among us (as the actions of a giddy-headed people) curse all our proceedings; yet let him know, *Christ* is making great preparations against him here in *England*, and whetting the Arrowes of his indignation, to destroy him and his Adherents. *Christ* is undermining all the mountains of his Power and greatnesse upon which he sits. *Babylon* the great shall fall, and not one stone left upon another of all her stately Structure, (her Ecclesiasticall pompe, and civill Power) which shall become a place of *Im & Zim*, the abomination of the Earth. In that day, the redeemed of the Lord shall rejoyce, the Saints shall sing, yea, even now we are begun to sing our Hallelujahs, *Rev. 19*. The Saints of *England* (a Land of Victories, of Ordinances, of all sorts of glories) have first begun to set the Tune of the Songs of *Zion*, which shall be sung through all Nations, *Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy wayes, oh King of Saints. Who shall not feare thee, O Lord, and glorifie thy Name, for thou only art holy, For all Nations shall come and worship before thee, for thy Judgement are made manifest, Rev. 15*.

An Anabaptist can never be a Papist, nor a Papist an Anabaptist: He that holds Infant-Baptisme (as a Papist must) is no Anabaptist. A Papist may take up Baptisme upon a Stake, (as this Counterfeit) but he is a Papist still, and holds Infant-Baptisme. They differ in all Points, Baptisme, Supper, Singing, Sabbath, Ministerie, impossible to reconcile them.



